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12 September 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL

SUBJECT: Report of the Commission on Government Security

1. I have just read the letter dated 21 August 1957, addressed to Mr. Dulles from Loyd Wright, Chairman of the Commission on Government Security, in which he replies to your letter of 14 August 1957, and specifically advises that it was the intent of the Commission not only to exempt employees of CIA and NSA but also to exempt the agencies themselves from the requirements of the program recommended in their report.

25X1A 2. [ ] the Security Officer representative attached to the staff of the Director of Logistics, and I have reviewed the Report of the Commission and we have discussed its possible impact with respect to industrial security on the classified procurement activities of this Agency. [ ] had prepared the draft of a report intended to be forwarded from the Director of Logistics to the Director of Security explaining why it would be undesirable for CIA's classified procurement activities to be encompassed in the legislation proposed in the Commission's Report. [ ] 25X1C 25X1E

25X1A 3. In view of Mr. Wright's letter of 21 August 1957, I assume that further staff work on our part is unnecessary. Accordingly, I am forwarding as an Attachment herewith, [ ] draft memorandum of 14 August 1957 which provides a clear and detailed discussion of the classified procurement problem. I suggest that this material be added to your file on this subject in case it is desirable to reconsider the matter at a later date.

25X1A [ ]  
Assistant General Counsel

Attachment

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21 Aug 57 w/cc OL Draft

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MEMORANDUM FOR: **THE ACTING DIRECTOR**

Attached is a proposed letter for your signature to Mr. Tompkins commenting on the Wright Report on Government Security. In view of the intent of the Commission to exempt the Agency, it is our view that no detailed comments should be made to the Department of Justice.

Recommend signature.

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*12-1*  
[Redacted]  
Acting General Counsel

15 August 1957

(DATE)

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22 August 1957

Mr. William F. Tompkins  
Chairman, Interdepartmental Personnel  
Security Advisory Committee  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tompkins:

This Agency has reviewed the Report of the Commission on Government Security and studied carefully the findings and recommendations of the Commission. By letter dated 22 July 1957, the President requested that appropriate written comments be forwarded to you.

It is our understanding of the Report that it was the intent of the Commission to exempt this Agency as well as the National Security Agency from the proposed Federal Civilian Loyalty Program in view of the unique functions and responsibilities placed on these two agencies. I concur in this recommendation of the Commission that this Agency be exempted from the Program. I believe that existing provisions of law in the National Security Act of 1947 provide this Agency with adequate authority to maintain an effective internal program of personnel security.

The comments of this Agency as to the proposed legislation incorporated in the Commission's Report will be processed directly to the Bureau of the Budget in the usual manner. If the Agency can be of any assistance or if there are any questions, will you please let us know.

Sincerely,

(P)

C. P. Cabell  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Acting Director

**CONCURRENCE:**

ATINTL

(s)   
Deputy Director (Support)

19 August 1957  
Date

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/s/   
Acting General Counsel

14 August 1957  
Date

ATINTL

/s/   
*Acting* Director of Personnel

14 August 1957  
Date

/s/ Sheffield Edwards  
Director of Security

14 August 1957  
Date

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COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENT SECURITY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

AUG 21 1957

The Honorable  
Allen W. Dulles  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 "E" Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Noted by S/DCI

22 Aug 57

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Reference is made to a letter dated August 14, 1957, which I received from [redacted] Acting General Counsel for your Agency, and to recent conversations between [redacted] your Legislative Counsel, and Mr. Stanley J. Tracy, Associate Counsel for the Commission, concerning the applicability of the recommendations of the Commission, as set forth in its Report, to the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency. Specifically, we have been requested to advise whether "it was the intent of the Commission not only to exempt employees of the two agencies but also to exempt the agencies themselves from the requirements of this program."

I am glad to clarify for the record that it was the intention of the Commission to exempt not only the employees of the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency but the agencies themselves from all of the recommendations set forth in the Commission's Report. The only modification which the Commission felt should be observed is set forth on page 51 of the Report with reference to the program for civilian employees; namely, that the standards and criteria of CIA and NSA for its employees should not be less than those applicable to other departments and agencies in the Executive Branch.

I hope that this statement of intention is satisfactory for your purposes.

Sincerely,

Loyd Wright  
Chairman

cc: Director, National Security  
Agency

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Remarks: For your information. We shall hold this for use, if necessary, in the future with respect to possible legislative proposals.

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9 August 1957

Mr. Stanley J. Tracy  
Commission on Government Security  
441 "G" Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Tracy:

Along the lines of our conversation the other day, attached is a draft letter to the Chairman requesting an interpretation as to the Commission's intent with respect to aspects of its report which have been the subject of proposed legislation. I hope that this letter sets forth the problem adequately, and is worded in such a way as to make it feasible for the Commission to answer. If you feel any changes should be made, we will be happy to make them.

Many thanks for your courtesy and help the other day. I am going on leave from August 9 to September 2, and in my absence [redacted] the Acting General Counsel, is handling this matter. I have asked him to check with you on whether this type of letter is satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

(R)  
[redacted]  
Legislative Counsel

Attachment  
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14 August 1957

The Honorable Loyd Wright  
Chairman, Commission on Government  
Security  
441 G Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wright:

We have been studying in detail the excellent report of the Commission on Government Security, and we are now preparing comments for submission to the Department of Justice and the Bureau of the Budget, according to instructions from the President.

From a reading of your report we arrive at the conclusion that it was the intent of the Commission that the National Security Agency and the Central Intelligence Agency be exempted from the program because of the unique requirements of these agencies. However, in studying the proposed legislation, it is our view that while employees of these agencies are exempted there is considerable doubt that the agencies themselves are exempted.

In view of the above situation it would be helpful to us if the Commission could confirm our understanding of the report that it was the intent of the Commission not only to exempt employees of the two agencies but also to exempt the agencies themselves from the requirements of this program.

Your comments on this matter will assist us materially. With kindest regards, and in continuing appreciation of the splendid work done by your Commission,

Sincerely,

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cc: Legislative Counsel (2)  
Director of Security  
General Counsel  
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[Redacted Signature Box] STATINTL  
Acting General Counsel